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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

- 1. A method of vicariously executing translation of electronic mails for users, comprising a translating step of translating a part or all of the contents of an electronic mail sent from a user who is a subscriber of an Internet connection provider, an electronic mail addressed to the user or both of these electronic mails at the provider side.
- 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a translation judging step of judging whether the user-sending or user-addressed electronic mail corresponds to an electronic mail which is predetermined by the user to be translated, on the basis of combination information of the mail address of the user and the mail address of a communication partner of an electronic mail which is predetermined by the user to be translated, and information on the electronic mail addresses of the transmission source and destination of a user-sending electronic mail or a user-addressed electronic mail, said translation judging step being antecedent to said electronic mail translating step.
- 3. A provider machine comprising electronic mail transmitting means for transmitting, to the mail address of a communication partner of an electronic mail or a terminal device of the user, a translated electronic mail containing a translation text obtained by translating through the provider a part or all of the contents of an electronic mail sent from a user who is a subscriber of an Internet connection provider, an electronic mail addressed to the user or both of these electronic mails.
- 4. The provider machine as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:
- information storage means for storing at least combination information of the mail address of the user and the mail address of a

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communication partner of an electronic mail which is predetermined by the user to be translated; and

translation judging means for judging whether the user-sending or user-addressed electronic mail corresponds to the electronic mail which is predetermined by the user to be translated, on the basis of the electronic mail addresses of a transmission source and a transmission destination of a user-sending electronic mail or user-addressed electronic mail and the combination information of said information storage means.

5. The provider machine as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

information storage means for storing combination information of the mail address of the user, the mail address of a communication partner which is predetermined by the user to be translated, and a language for a translation destination;

translating means for translating a part or all of the contents of an electronic mail sent from the user or addressed to the user in the language of the translation destination on the basis of the combination information of said information storage means; and

translated electronic mail creating means for creating a translated electronic mail containing a translated text translated by said translating means.

6. The provider machine as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

another information storage means for storing combination information of the mail address of the user, the mail address of a communication partner which is predetermined by the user to be translated, and a language for a translation destination;

translating means for translating a part or all of the

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contents of an electronic mail sent from the user or addressed to the user in the language of the translation destination on the basis of the combination information of said another information storage means; and

translated electronic mail creating means for creating a translated electronic mail containing a translated text translated by said translating means.

- 7. A terminal device comprising at least translated electronic mail receiving means for receiving a translated electronic mail transmitted from said electronic mail transmitting means of said provider machine as claimed in claim 3.
- 8. A system comprising said provider machine as claimed in claim 3, and said terminal device as claimed in claim 7.
- 9. A medium for carrying a computer readable and executable program for executing said translating step in the electronic mail translating method as claimed in claim 1.
- 10. A medium for carrying a computer readable and executable program for executing said translation judging step in the electronic mail translating method as claimed in claim 2.